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## CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS, AUSTRALIA, NOVEMBER 1984 (PRELIMINARY)

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### MAIN FEATURES

In November 1984 there were an estimated 2,897,400 children under the age of twelve in Australia.

In the week prior to interview:

358,300 children used formal child care

864,500 children used informal child care

For definitions of formal and informal child care see paragraphs 7(a) and (b).

**Formal Child Care:** Of the 358,300 children using formal child care

125,100 (35 per cent) reported the main reason for use was to prepare the child for school

148,300 (41 per cent) were in care 10 to 19 hours per week

122,400 (34 per cent) paid between \$1 to \$4 per week

**Informal Child Care:** Of the 864,500 children using informal child care

347,300 (40 per cent) reported the main reason for use was to allow the person responsible for the child to go to work

341,900 (40 per cent) were in care for less than 5 hours per week

703,800 (81 per cent) reported no cost for the child care used

1,801,900 children used other arrangements (for definition see paragraph 7(c)). Of these children, 1,710,400 (95 per cent) reported the persons responsible for the children were always able to look after them in the week prior to interview.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

A survey was conducted throughout Australia in November 1984 to obtain information on child care arrangements made by persons responsible for children under twelve years of age. The survey collected details on the social and economic characteristics of family units (e.g. marital status, labour force status, income, etc.), patterns of usage of child care, cost and main reason for using formal and informal child care, the level of met, partially met or unmet demand for child care services and the amount of care by the spouse. Details of child care arrangements were collected for each child in the survey.

2. This publication contains preliminary estimates of child care arrangements made by the person responsible for each child under the age of twelve and includes topics such as cost, hours, frequency of use and main reason for using formal and informal child care. The estimates are subject to revision. More detailed estimates will be released at a later date and will include information on the family.

#### Scope and coverage

3. The survey was conducted as part of the regular population survey which is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses, flats) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. Certain groups of persons such as occupants of non-private dwellings (e.g. hospitals, hotels), diplomatic personnel and persons from overseas touring or holidaying in Australia were excluded from the survey.

#### Survey method

4. The information about child care arrangements were obtained through interviews with the person responsible for the children under twelve years of age (see paragraph 6). If the person responsible for the children under twelve years of age was not available for interview, another responsible adult answered on his or her behalf. Interviews were carried out over a period of two weeks commencing 12 November 1984.

#### Definitions

5. Types of child care arrangements have been classified to three categories i.e. formal, informal and other. A child may use several care types in any or all of these categories. A measure of the multiplicity of child care usage within categories is shown in the tables as *total usage of child care*. No attempt has been made in this publication to measure multiplicity of child care usage across categories.

6. The *person responsible* for children under twelve years of age was taken to be the mother if she was a usual resident of the selected private dwelling. If the mother was not normally resident at that private dwelling or was not available then the information was sought from the person mainly responsible for the children under twelve years of age.

7. *Child care* relates to all arrangements made for the care of children under twelve years of age for Monday to Sunday of the week prior to interview. Child care is divided into the following categories:

- (a) *Formal child care* relates to all arrangements made for the care of children at a pre-school and/or a child care centre (such as a creche, playgroup, kindergarten or occasional care centre) and/or through a family day care scheme.
- (b) *Informal child care* includes any care arrangements where children were cared for by other children resident at the selected private dwelling and/or relatives or non-relatives both resident at the dwelling or elsewhere.
- (c) *Other* includes any care arrangements where the persons responsible for the children were always able to look after them in the week prior to interview. Also included in this category are arrangements where the children spent time at scouts, music lessons, sporting activities, hospital, etc. and/or where the children looked after themselves.

8. *Type of child care* used refers to any of the types of child care detailed in paragraphs 7(a), (b) and (c).

9. *Usage of child care* is the number of times a particular type of child care was used within a category of child care e.g. if a child used a pre-school and family day care it was counted as two arrangements of formal child care usage.

10. *Number of children using child care* refers to the number of children within a category of child care, regardless of the number of types of child care used e.g. if a child used a pre-school and family day care it was counted as one child using formal child care.

11. *Total children using child care* (Table 1) refers to the number of children using any type of child care, regardless of the number of types or categories of child care used e.g. if a child was included in both formal and informal child care categories it was counted as one child in the total.

12. *Cost of child care* is money paid for child care on a weekly basis or converted to a weekly equivalent and includes donations if they are considered to be a cost by the person responsible.

#### **Interpretation of results**

##### **13. Formal child care**

Names and addresses of the child care services used were supplied by the respondent and coded to type of formal child care from a list compiled in each State.

A child may have more than one arrangement of the same type of formal child care e.g. a child using two child care centres. These arrangements have been combined and details aggregated in this publication for the child care type.

##### **14. Informal child care**

Informal child care was coded according to the response by the person responsible for the child.

No attempt was made to collect individual information where there was more than one care giver within a type of child care i.e. if a child was looked after by more than one relative at different times in the survey week, the data collected were the total care by those relatives.

##### **15. Other**

Other arrangements were coded according to the response by the person responsible for the child

A child shown in the tables as being looked after only by the person responsible in the week prior to interview may also have been cared for by his/her spouse. The final publication will show details of spouse care. Note however that the data will only be available for the family unit i.e. not for individual children within the family.

As arrangements such as scouts, music lessons etc. would not always have been considered by the respondent as a form of child care, the response to this type was significantly understated. It is also very likely that the count of children looking after themselves was understated because some respondents may have been reluctant to tell an interviewer that they left their children on their own.

16. The carer's place of residence is not intended to indicate where the child care took place e.g. care by a relative resident in the dwelling may have taken place at another person's residence.

17. In some tables (tables 2 to 6 and tables 8 to 10) there are two 'total' columns shown. One refers to the *total usage of child care* while the other refers to the *number of children using child care*. Because children can use more than one type of child care it is possible that the usage figures are greater than the number of children figures. However, in tables 4 to 6 and tables 9 and 10, there is another factor that needs to be taken into account when interpreting the difference between the two totals. For these tables the children can also be counted in a different row in the body of the table from where they are counted in the total number of children column. For example, in table 4 a child who attended pre-school for 3 hours and child care centre for 5 hours was counted in the total usage column in both the less than 5 hours and 5 to 9 hours classifications. In the number of children total, the child was counted once in the classification for the aggregated number of hours used i.e. 5 to 9. Cost of child care was treated in a similar manner to this example.

18. A slightly different treatment was used for table 5 which relate to frequency of use of child care and days on which child care was used. For example, in table 5 a child who attended pre-school on a daily basis and a child care centre at least once a week was counted in the total usage column in both the daily and at least once a week classifications. In the number of children total, the child was counted once in the classification for most frequently used care i.e. daily.

#### **Reliability of estimates**

19. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability, that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will

differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the *relative standard error*.

20. Tables following these notes show estimated standard errors and standard error percentages for numbers of children under twelve years of age. Thus, an estimate for Australia of 5,000 children has a standard error of 1,050 children or a relative standard error of 21.3 per cent. This means there are about two chances in three that the true figure is within the range 3,950 to 6,050 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the true figure is between 2,900 and 7,100.

21. Estimates with relative standard errors greater than 30 per cent have not been shown and although figures for these components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

22. The imprecision due to sampling variability should not be confused with inaccuracies that may have occurred because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

### Related publications

23. Users may wish to refer to the following related publications which are available on request:

*Child Care Arrangements, June 1980* (4402.0)

*Australian Families, 1982* (4408.0)

24. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 19.
- .. not applicable

25. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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### STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES — CHILDREN

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
	—number—								Per cent of estimate	
800						240				
1,000						260		320		
1,300				390	390	300		360		
1,500				420	420	320	490	390		
1,800			540	460	450	340	520	420		
2,000	650		570	480	480	360	540	440		
2,500	740		640	530	530	390	580	490	740	29.7
3,000	830		700	580	580	410	620	530	820	27.3
3,500	910	1,050	750	620	620	440	650	570	890	25.3
4,000	980	1,100	800	660	660	460	680	600	950	23.7
4,500	1,050	1,150	840	700	700	470	700	630	1,000	22.4
5,000	1,100	1,200	890	730	730	490	720	660	1,050	21.3
6,000	1,250	1,300	960	790	790	510	750	720	1,150	19.5
10,000	1,600	1,600	1,200	990	990	590	830	890	1,500	15.1
20,000	2,200	2,100	1,600	1,300	1,300	670	910	1,200	2,100	10.6
50,000	3,150	2,900	2,250	1,900	1,900	740			3,250	6.5
100,000	4,000	3,700	2,850	2,450	2,400				4,450	4.5
200,000	4,850	4,600	3,550						6,100	3.0
300,000	5,300	5,200							7,200	2.4
500,000	5,900								8,900	1.8
1,000,000									11,700	1.2

### PUBLICATION CUT-OFF POINTS FOR CHILD CARE ESTIMATES

N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
—number—								
2,460	3,460	1,810	1,310	1,280	780	1,700	1,120	2,450

TABLE 1. TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING CHILD CARE BY AGE OF CHILD,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1984

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Age of child	STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Total children using child care									
0 to 2 years	251.6	183.5	122.8	59.9	68.5	21.7	9.0	13.1	730.3
3 to 5 years	239.2	176.2	119.2	56.6	65.7	20.6	8.6	12.7	698.9
6 to 11 years	498.3	375.6	252.9	118.7	136.1	41.9	17.7	27.1	1,468.2
Total	989.2	735.3	494.9	235.2	270.4	84.2	35.3	52.9	2,897.4

TABLE 2. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING CHILD CARE : CATEGORY AND TYPE OF CHILD CARE BY AGE OF CHILD,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1984

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Category and type of child care by age of child	STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
FORMAL CHILD CARE									
Pre-school									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5
3 to 5 years	69.9	49.0	44.8	17.0	21.7	1.2	2.0	4.7	210.3
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.7
Total	72.1	50.6	46.7	17.9	22.1	1.2	2.0	4.7	217.4
Child care centre									
0 to 2 years	6.2	10.6	5.5	2.1	4.0	1.2	*	1.8	32.9
3 to 5 years	11.7	11.4	12.0	2.5	6.4	1.8	*	2.5	49.7
6 to 11 years	4.1	3.8	*	*	1.9	*	*	*	13.7
Total	22.0	25.8	19.2	5.3	12.3	3.1	3.3	5.4	96.3
Family day care									
0 to 2 years	7.2	5.2	2.6	*	1.4	*	*	*	18.6
3 to 5 years	5.8	4.7	3.2	*	1.5	1.0	*	*	17.4
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.0
Total	14.8	12.6	6.5	2.5	3.1	1.9	*	1.4	43.0
Not able to be classified									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	1.5	*	*	*	*	4.1
3 to 5 years	6.4	*	*	1.5	*	*	*	*	9.1
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	8.8	*	*	2.9	*	*	*	*	13.9
Total usage of formal child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	17.5	16.7	9.0	4.7	5.5	2.3	*	2.8	60.1
3 to 5 years	93.7	66.1	60.2	21.8	29.6	4.2	3.3	7.5	286.5
6 to 11 years	6.5	7.5	3.6	2.1	2.4	*	*	1.2	24.0
Total	117.7	90.3	72.8	28.6	37.5	6.8	5.4	11.5	370.6
Number of children using formal child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	16.8	16.5	8.9	4.6	5.5	2.3	*	2.8	59.0
3 to 5 years	90.1	64.5	58.3	20.1	28.4	4.1	2.9	6.8	275.3
6 to 11 years	6.5	7.5	3.6	2.1	2.4	*	*	1.2	24.0

## STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1984-CONTINUED

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Category and type of child care by age of child	STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
INFORMAL CHILD CARE									
Child(ren) resident in the dwelling									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.1
3 to 5 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.5
6 to 11 years	23.8	17.4	6.7	3.0	6.0	1.3	*	1.9	61.4
Total	26.4	21.4	9.1	3.9	7.2	1.6	*	1.9	73.0
Relative(s) resident in the dwelling(b)									
0 to 2 years	11.5	5.0	4.3	1.6	3.5	*	*	*	27.5
3 to 5 years	6.4	8.5	3.0	*	1.7	*	*	*	22.4
6 to 11 years	15.4	8.6	6.9	3.2	3.9	*	*	*	40.5
Total	33.4	22.2	14.1	5.9	9.1	1.6	2.1	1.9	90.4
Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling									
0 to 2 years	54.5	42.9	22.0	16.8	15.9	5.3	*	2.6	161.0
3 to 5 years	40.4	31.0	17.9	13.4	11.5	4.9	*	1.5	120.8
6 to 11 years	55.7	38.5	29.2	19.5	13.7	5.1	*	1.7	164.5
Total	150.6	112.4	69.1	49.7	41.1	15.3	2.1	5.8	446.3
Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3
3 to 5 years	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
6 to 11 years	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.6
Total	7.0	4.0	2.2	*	*	*	*	*	16.1
Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling									
0 to 2 years	24.9	17.6	11.7	6.5	8.9	1.8	*	1.7	73.8
3 to 5 years	29.3	25.1	12.2	6.6	11.7	2.5	*	2.4	90.5
6 to 11 years	43.4	37.7	19.1	11.3	11.8	3.2	*	1.7	128.7
Total	97.6	80.5	43.0	24.5	32.3	7.6	1.8	5.9	293.1
Total usage of informal child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	92.9	67.9	39.4	25.4	28.8	7.6	2.7	4.8	269.7
3 to 5 years	80.5	68.3	35.1	22.0	26.2	8.2	*	4.8	246.5
6 to 11 years	141.5	104.3	62.9	37.6	35.9	10.6	3.6	6.3	402.6
Total	315.0	240.5	137.5	85.0	90.9	26.4	7.7	15.9	918.9
Number of children using informal child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	88.6	64.5	37.6	24.5	26.7	7.4	2.7	4.3	256.3
3 to 5 years	76.5	62.0	32.6	20.6	23.8	7.5	*	4.6	228.9
6 to 11 years	134.3	95.8	60.1	35.2	34.1	10.1	3.6	6.0	379.2
Total	299.4	222.4	130.3	80.3	84.5	25.0	7.7	14.9	864.5

TABLE 2. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING CHILD CARE : CATEGORY AND TYPE OF CHILD CARE BY AGE OF CHILD,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1984-continued

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Category and type of child care by age of child	STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
	OTHER(c)								
Child looks after self(c)									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3 to 5 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6 to 11 years	20.8	20.7	7.9	3.9	5.6	1.0	2.9	1.8	64.5
Total	21.0	20.7	7.9	3.9	5.6	1.0	2.9	1.8	64.8
Scouts, music lessons, hospital, etc.(c)									
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.9
3 to 5 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.5
6 to 11 years	4.3	*	3.1	1.7	4.0	*	*	*	15.8
Total	7.8	4.8	4.5	3.5	5.3	*	*	*	27.3
Person responsible always able to look after child in the week prior to interview(c) (d)									
0 to 2 years	151.6	105.7	77.4	31.7	38.2	12.4	5.3	6.2	428.5
3 to 5 years	100.8	68.6	43.4	22.9	23.0	10.2	4.8	3.6	277.3
6 to 11 years	339.4	253.5	180.1	78.6	93.4	30.2	10.7	18.8	1,004.7
Total	591.8	427.8	300.8	133.1	154.5	52.9	20.9	28.6	1,710.4
Total usage of other child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	153.5	107.6	78.2	32.8	38.9	12.7	5.3	6.4	435.4
3 to 5 years	102.7	69.5	43.9	23.5	23.6	10.2	4.8	3.7	282.0
6 to 11 years	364.5	276.2	191.1	84.2	103.0	31.6	13.7	20.7	1,085.0
Total	620.7	453.3	313.2	140.6	165.5	54.6	23.9	30.8	1,802.5
Number of children using other child care(a)									
0 to 2 years	153.5	107.6	78.2	32.8	38.9	12.7	5.3	6.4	435.4
3 to 5 years	102.7	69.5	43.9	23.5	23.6	10.2	4.8	3.7	282.0
6 to 11 years	364.1	276.2	191.1	84.2	102.8	31.6	13.7	20.7	1,084.4
Total	620.2	453.3	313.2	140.6	165.3	54.6	23.9	30.8	1,801.9

(a) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17. (b) Child care by relatives resident in the dwelling excludes care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse. (c) See paragraphs 7 (c) and 15. (d) May include care by the spouse of the person responsible.

TABLE 3. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE : SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF CHILD BY AGE OF CHILD  
BY TYPE OF FORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Age of child	Type of formal child care				Total usage of formal child care(a)	Number of children using formal child care(a)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified		
ATTENDING SCHOOL						
0 to 2 years	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 to 5 years	3.6	2.5	*	*	7.5	7.4
6 to 11 years	*	13.6	7.0	*	22.9	22.9
Total	5.3	16.1	8.3	*	30.4	30.2
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL						
0 to 2 years	4.5	32.9	18.6	4.1	60.1	59.0
3 to 5 years	206.6	47.2	16.0	9.1	278.9	268.0
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	212.1	80.2	34.6	13.2	340.2	328.1
TOTAL						
0 to 2 years	4.5	32.9	18.6	4.1	60.1	59.0
3 to 5 years	210.3	49.7	17.4	9.1	286.5	275.3
6 to 11 years	2.7	13.7	7.0	*	24.0	24.0
Total	217.4	96.3	43.0	13.9	370.6	358.3

(a) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17.

TABLE 4. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE : AGE OF CHILD BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE BY TYPE OF FORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Number of hours of child care	Type of formal child care				Total usage of formal child care(a)	Number of children using formal child care(a)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified		
0 TO 2 YEARS						
Less than 5 hours	*	12.7	4.1	2.5	21.3	20.2
5 to 9 hours	*	5.3	2.6	*	9.8	9.9
10 to 19 hours	*	4.7	5.5	*	10.7	10.3
20 to 29 hours	*	2.5	2.6	*	6.0	6.2
30 to 39 hours	*	4.0	2.5	*	7.1	7.1
40 hours or more	*	3.7	*	*	5.1	5.1
Total	4.5	32.9	18.6	4.1	60.1	59.0
3 TO 5 YEARS						
Less than 5 hours	19.3	11.6	3.7	*	36.6	32.0
5 to 9 hours	62.6	13.0	3.3	3.3	82.2	76.9
10 to 19 hours	117.3	11.6	3.7	*	134.8	131.3
20 to 29 hours	5.1	3.9	3.6	*	13.0	14.2
30 to 39 hours	4.4	4.6	*	*	11.7	12.3
40 hours or more	*	4.9	*	*	8.2	8.7
Total	210.3	49.7	17.4	9.1	286.5	275.3
6 TO 11 YEARS						
Less than 5 hours	*	4.3	*	*	7.4	7.4
5 to 9 hours	*	4.4	3.5	*	8.3	8.3
10 to 19 hours	*	3.9	*	*	6.7	6.7
20 to 29 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
30 to 39 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
40 hours or more	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	2.7	13.7	7.0	*	24.0	24.0
TOTAL						
Less than 5 hours	22.1	28.6	9.6	5.0	65.3	59.5
5 to 9 hours	64.5	22.8	9.5	3.7	100.4	95.2
10 to 19 hours	118.7	20.3	10.8	*	152.2	148.3
20 to 29 hours	5.6	7.0	6.6	*	19.9	21.4
30 to 39 hours	4.8	9.0	4.0	*	19.2	19.8
40 hours or more	*	8.6	2.6	*	13.6	14.2
Total	217.4	96.3	43.0	13.9	370.6	358.3

(a) Differences between total usage and number of children using formal child care



TABLE 5. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE : DAYS ON WHICH CHILD CARE WAS USED BY FREQUENCY OF USE OF CHILD CARE(a) BY TYPE OF FORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Frequency of use of child care(a)	Type of formal child care				Total usage of formal child care(b)	Number of children using formal child care(b)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified		
ONLY WEEKDAYS						
Daily	77.8	34.6	15.9	3.5	131.8	130.1
At least once a week	138.8	50.7	23.6	8.9	222.0	213.3
At least once a fortnight	*	2.8	*	*	4.7	4.1
At least once a month	*	2.5	*	*	3.1	2.9
Less than once a month	*	3.9	*	*	6.2	5.0
Total	217.4	94.5	42.2	13.7	367.8	355.5
WEEKDAYS AND WEEKEND(c)						
Daily	*	*	*	*	*	*
At least once a week	*	*	*	*	*	*
At least once a fortnight	*	*	*	*	*	*
At least once a month	*	*	*	*	*	*
Less than once a month	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	2.8	2.8
TOTAL						
Daily	77.8	35.5	16.4	3.5	133.2	131.5
At least once a week	138.8	51.7	23.9	8.9	223.3	214.6
At least once a fortnight	*	2.8	*	*	4.7	4.1
At least once a month	*	2.5	*	*	3.3	3.1
Less than once a month	*	3.9	*	*	6.2	5.0
Total	217.4	96.3	43.0	13.9	370.6	358.3

(a) Frequency of use of child care was only collected for children who used child care in the week prior to interview.  
 (b) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17. (c) Includes child care used on the weekend only.

TABLE 6. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE : COST OF FORMAL CHILD CARE BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE BY TYPE OF FORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Number of hours of child care	Type of formal child care				Total usage of formal child care(a)	Number of children using formal child care(a)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified.		
NO COST						
Less than 5 hours	3.3	6.6	*	2.6	13.2	11.0
5 to 9 hours	7.5	*	*	*	9.2	8.5
10 to 19 hours	33.3	*	*	*	35.3	33.3
20 to 29 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
30 to 39 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
40 hours or more	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	45.1	9.9	*	2.8	59.7	54.5
\$1 - \$4						
Less than 5 hours	15.5	18.0	5.3	*	40.3	38.3
5 to 9 hours	26.0	4.5	2.7	*	34.6	33.0
10 to 19 hours	47.2	*	*	*	50.7	49.6
20 to 29 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
30 to 39 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
40 hours or more	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	89.6	24.0	10.2	3.2	127.0	122.4
\$5 - \$14						
Less than 5 hours	2.8	3.8	3.4	*	10.5	9.4
5 to 9 hours	29.2	13.7	4.3	*	49.4	46.4
10 to 19 hours	19.6	5.5	*	*	27.4	27.9
20 to 29 hours	*	*	*	*	*	2.7
30 to 39 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
40 hours or more	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	52.7	25.5	10.2	3.5	92.0	88.9

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 6. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE : COST OF FORMAL CHILD CARE BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE BY TYPE OF FORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984-continued

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Number of hours of child care	Type of formal child care				Total usage of formal child care(a)	Number of children using formal child care(a)
	Pre-school	Child care centre	Family day care	Not able to be classified		
\$15 - \$44						
Less than 5 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
5 to 9 hours	*	3.4	*	*	7.1	7.0
10 to 19 hours	18.4	11.0	6.8	*	37.6	36.4
20 to 29 hours	2.8	4.0	4.3	*	11.9	13.0
30 to 39 hours	*	3.9	*	*	8.4	8.9
40 hours or more	*	4.4	*	*	6.0	5.7
Total	25.9	27.0	15.9	3.4	72.2	72.0
\$45 OR MORE						
Less than 5 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
5 to 9 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
10 to 19 hours	*	*	*	*	*	*
20 to 29 hours	*	*	*	*	3.7	3.6
30 to 39 hours	*	3.6	*	*	7.9	7.8
40 hours or more	*	3.8	*	*	6.9	7.8
Total	4.1	9.8	4.8	*	19.7	20.5
TOTAL						
Less than 5 hours	22.1	28.6	9.6	5.0	65.3	59.5
5 to 9 hours	64.5	22.8	9.5	3.7	100.4	95.2
10 to 19 hours	118.7	20.3	10.8	*	152.2	148.3
20 to 29 hours	5.6	7.0	6.6	*	19.9	21.4
30 to 39 hours	4.8	9.0	4.0	*	19.2	19.8
40 hours or more	*	8.6	2.6	*	13.6	14.2
Total	217.4	96.3	43.0	13.9	370.6	358.3

(a) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17.

TABLE 7. NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING FORMAL CHILD CARE: AGE OF CHILD BY MAIN REASON FOR USING FORMAL CHILD CARE BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Main reason for using formal child care	Number of hours of child care						Total
	Less than 5	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 or more	
0 TO 2 YEARS							
Work	*	2.9	7.0	5.1	7.1	4.5	28.8
Study, go to classes	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.9
Playing sport	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	5.7
Went shopping	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	5.5
Social outings, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Good for child	4.0	2.7	*	*	*	*	8.4
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	6.0
Total	20.2	9.9	10.3	6.2	7.1	5.1	59.0
3 TO 5 YEARS							
Work	2.8	7.0	14.7	7.7	7.1	7.3	46.4
Study, go to classes	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.4
Playing sport	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Went shopping	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5
Social outings, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Good for child	14.6	30.7	37.8	2.6	*	*	88.2
Prepare child for school	8.7	34.8	73.9	3.1	2.5	*	123.5
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.3
Total	32.0	76.9	131.3	14.2	12.3	8.7	275.3
6 TO 11 YEARS							
Work	4.3	6.4	5.3	*	*	*	17.2
Study, go to classes	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Playing sport	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Went shopping	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social outings, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Good for child	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	7.4	11.3	6.7	*	*	*	24.0
TOTAL							
Work	9.3	16.3	26.9	13.7	14.5	11.7	92.4
Study, go to classes	2.6	*	2.8	*	*	*	8.0
Playing sport	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	8.1
Went shopping	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	9.3
Social outings, etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	2.5
Good for child	19.1	34.3	39.0	2.8	*	*	98.4
Prepare child for school	8.9	34.9	75.2	3.1	2.5	*	125.1
Other	5.8	3.9	3.1	*	*	*	14.5
Total	59.5	95.2	148.3	21.4	19.8	14.2	358.3

TABLE 8. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING INFORMAL CHILD CARE : SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF CHILD BY AGE OF CHILD BY TYPE OF INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Age of child	Type of informal child care					Total usage of informal child care(b)	Number of children using informal child care(b)
	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling(a)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non-relative(s) not resident in the dwelling		
ATTENDING SCHOOL							
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3 to 5 years	3.5	4.1	19.7	*	15.4	43.2	41.1
6 to 11 years	61.2	40.2	164.2	7.6	128.1	401.4	378.0
Total	64.7	44.4	183.9	8.0	143.6	444.5	419.1
NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL							
0 to 2 years	4.1	27.5	161.0	3.3	73.8	269.7	256.3
3 to 5 years	4.0	18.3	101.1	4.8	75.1	203.4	187.9
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	8.3	46.0	262.4	8.1	149.5	474.3	445.4
TOTAL							
0 to 2 years	4.1	27.5	161.0	3.3	73.8	269.7	256.3
3 to 5 years	7.5	22.4	120.8	5.3	90.5	246.5	228.9
6 to 11 years	61.4	40.5	164.5	7.6	128.7	402.6	379.2
Total	73.0	90.4	446.3	16.1	293.1	918.9	864.5

(a) Child care by relative(s) resident in the dwelling excludes care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse. (b) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17.

TABLE 9. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING INFORMAL CHILD CARE : AGE OF CHILD BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE BY TYPE OF INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Number of hours of child care	Type of informal child care					Total usage of informal child care(b)	Number of children using informal child care(b)
	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling(a)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non- relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non- relative(s) not resident in the dwelling		
0 TO 2 YEARS							
Less than 5 hours	*	9.6	71.3	*	34.8	119.4	109.7
5 to 9 hours	*	5.3	37.3	*	14.9	58.8	55.5
10 to 19 hours	*	3.5	21.9	*	9.1	35.7	35.1
20 to 29 hours	*	2.6	11.8	*	5.5	20.4	19.4
30 to 39 hours	*	*	7.7	*	4.0	14.1	13.8
40 hours or more	*	4.3	11.0	*	5.4	21.3	22.8
Total	4.1	27.5	161.0	3.3	73.8	269.7	256.3
3 TO 5 YEARS							
Less than 5 hours	4.1	8.7	41.0	*	40.6	96.7	83.6
5 to 9 hours	*	3.8	30.8	*	20.2	58.7	53.0
10 to 19 hours	*	2.9	21.0	*	13.4	38.0	38.0
20 to 29 hours	*	*	10.8	*	6.5	19.8	20.1
30 to 39 hours	*	*	5.7	*	5.7	13.6	13.2
40 hours or more	*	3.3	11.4	*	4.2	19.8	21.1
Total	7.5	22.4	120.8	5.3	90.5	246.5	228.9
6 TO 11 YEARS							
Less than 5 hours	33.0	12.0	61.9	2.8	60.1	169.9	148.6
5 to 9 hours	18.6	12.0	37.4	2.6	32.1	102.7	98.4
10 to 19 hours	8.1	9.5	32.1	*	23.4	73.8	75.2
20 to 29 hours	*	3.7	13.0	*	5.5	23.8	24.7
30 to 39 hours	*	*	4.2	*	*	7.8	7.6
40 hours or more	*	*	15.8	*	5.4	24.7	24.7
Total	61.4	40.5	164.5	7.6	128.7	402.6	379.2
TOTAL							
Less than 5 hours	39.4	30.3	174.2	6.5	135.6	386.0	341.9
5 to 9 hours	21.6	21.1	105.5	4.7	67.1	220.1	206.9
10 to 19 hours	9.0	15.9	75.1	*	46.0	147.5	148.4
20 to 29 hours	*	8.1	35.7	*	17.5	64.0	64.2
30 to 39 hours	*	5.1	17.6	*	12.0	35.5	34.6
40 hours or more	*	9.8	38.2	*	14.9	65.7	68.6
Total	73.0	90.4	446.3	16.1	293.1	918.9	864.5

TABLE 10. TOTAL USAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING INFORMAL CHILD CARE : DAYS ON WHICH CHILD CARE USED BY FREQUENCY OF USE OF CHILD CARE(a) BY TYPE OF INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Frequency of use of child care(a)	Type of informal child care					Total usage of informal child care(b)	Number of children using informal child care(c)
	Child(ren) resident in the dwelling	Relative(s) resident in the dwelling(d)	Relative(s) not resident in the dwelling	Non- relative(s) resident in the dwelling	Non- relative(s) not resident in the dwelling		
ONLY WEEKDAYS							
Daily	22.9	29.3	52.0	3.1	59.7	166.9	162.6
At least once a week	22.7	21.2	125.2	4.3	85.5	259.0	238.2
At least once a fortnight	3.8	3.6	31.1	*	18.7	57.8	51.5
At least once a month	3.6	3.7	27.2	*	15.9	50.8	47.0
Less than once a month	6.2	6.7	47.7	2.5	47.5	110.6	98.4
Total	59.2	64.5	283.2	11.0	227.2	645.1	597.7
WEEKDAYS AND WEEKEND(d)							
Daily	3.6	9.3	9.8	*	3.3	26.8	28.3
At least once a week	6.6	8.8	55.6	*	16.5	89.5	93.2
At least once a fortnight	*	*	20.3	*	8.0	32.0	31.8
At least once a month	*	*	27.1	*	9.8	40.4	37.1
Less than once a month	*	4.3	50.2	*	28.4	85.1	76.4
Total	13.8	25.8	163.0	5.1	65.9	273.7	266.8
TOTAL							
Daily	26.4	38.5	61.8	3.9	62.9	193.7	190.9
At least once a week	29.3	30.1	180.8	6.3	101.9	348.4	331.4
At least once a fortnight	5.4	5.4	51.4	*	26.7	89.9	83.3
At least once a month	4.3	5.3	54.3	*	25.7	91.2	84.1
Less than once a month	7.5	11.0	97.9	3.3	75.8	195.7	174.7
Total	73.0	90.4	446.3	16.1	293.1	918.9	864.5

(a) Frequency of use of child care was only collected for children who used child care in the week prior to interview.  
 (b) Child care by relative(s) resident in the dwelling excludes care by the person responsible for the child and his/her spouse.  
 (c) Differences between total usage of child care and the number of children using child care occur because children may be counted in several child care types. Note that children are only counted once within a particular type of child care. When interpreting the data in these two columns reference should be made to paragraph 17.  
 (d) Includes child care used on the

TABLE 11. NUMBER OF CHILDREN USING INFORMAL CHILD CARE : COST OF INFORMAL CHILD CARE BY AGE OF CHILD BY  
NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

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Age of child	Number of hours of child care						Total
	Less than 5	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 or more	
NO COST							
0 to 2 years	102.8	47.5	25.6	12.9	8.6	14.3	211.7
3 to 5 years	74.4	40.4	25.0	12.6	6.5	14.5	173.4
6 to 11 years	127.8	79.4	61.6	22.0	7.1	20.7	318.7
Total	305.0	167.2	112.3	47.5	22.3	49.4	703.8
\$1 - \$4							
0 to 2 years	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	4.9
3 to 5 years	4.0	*	*	*	*	*	6.6
6 to 11 years	7.7	4.6	*	*	*	*	13.2
Total	14.7	7.8	*	*	*	*	24.7
\$5 - \$14							
0 to 2 years	3.4	4.5	*	*	*	*	11.3
3 to 5 years	5.2	7.9	4.9	*	*	*	19.2
6 to 11 years	12.2	10.3	5.9	*	*	*	30.5
Total	20.7	22.7	12.9	2.6	*	*	60.9
\$15 - \$44							
0 to 2 years	*	*	6.7	4.7	2.5	4.2	20.9
3 to 5 years	*	2.8	7.5	5.9	5.2	5.1	26.5
6 to 11 years	*	4.1	6.6	*	*	*	16.1
Total	*	9.1	20.9	12.4	8.2	11.6	63.6
\$45 OR MORE							
0 to 2 years	*	*	*	*	*	4.1	7.6
3 to 5 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.1
6 to 11 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*	3.6	5.3	11.5
TOTAL							
0 to 2 years	109.7	55.5	35.1	19.4	13.8	22.8	256.3
3 to 5 years	83.6	53.0	38.0	20.1	13.2	21.1	228.9
6 to 11 years	148.6	98.4	75.2	24.7	7.6	24.7	379.2
Total	341.9	206.9	148.3	64.2	34.6	68.6	774.5



## CHILD CARE BY NUMBER OF HOURS OF CHILD CARE, AUSTRALIA, 1977

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Main reason for using informal child care	Number of hours of child care						Total
	Less than 5	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 or more	
0 TO 2 YEARS							
Work	9.0	16.0	17.8	13.5	11.0	13.9	81.4
Study, go to classes	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	6.4
Playing sport	8.8	2.5	*	*	*	*	11.8
Went shopping	44.3	11.4	2.7	*	*	*	59.5
Social outings, etc.	19.3	15.2	7.7	*	*	*	45.3
Good for child	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	10.6
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	20.5	6.3	4.6	2.6	*	5.9	41.5
Total	109.7	55.5	35.1	19.4	13.8	22.8	256.3
3 TO 5 YEARS							
Work	14.4	20.0	21.5	12.6	9.9	10.9	89.2
Study, go to classes	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	5.8
Playing sport	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	8.9
Went shopping	21.8	6.3	*	*	*	*	29.5
Social outings, etc.	15.7	13.5	7.1	2.6	*	*	41.1
Good for child	5.6	3.7	2.9	*	*	*	15.0
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	16.6	5.9	4.3	2.7	*	7.8	39.2
Total	83.6	53.0	38.0	20.1	13.2	21.1	228.9
6 TO 11 YEARS							
Work	61.9	53.3	44.3	9.0	2.6	5.7	176.8
Study, go to classes	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	8.4
Playing sport	7.9	*	*	*	*	*	11.4
Went shopping	21.3	3.8	*	*	*	*	27.1
Social outings, etc.	29.1	25.0	15.4	4.5	*	*	75.9
Good for child	9.3	3.3	5.0	4.6	*	3.5	26.3
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	14.7	8.5	7.2	5.2	4.0	13.7	53.2
Total	148.6	98.4	75.2	24.7	7.6	24.7	379.2
TOTAL							
Work	85.2	89.2	83.7	35.1	23.5	30.5	347.3
Study, go to classes	11.9	5.1	2.6	*	*	*	20.7
Playing sport	22.7	7.0	*	*	*	*	32.0
Went shopping	87.4	21.4	4.2	2.6	*	*	116.1
Social outings, etc.	64.1	53.7	30.3	8.6	*	3.3	162.2
Good for child	18.7	9.3	9.4	7.0	*	6.5	51.8
Prepare child for school	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other	51.7	20.7	16.1	10.4	7.5	27.3	133.8
Total	341.9	206.9	148.4	64.2	34.6	68.6	864.5